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TOKYO FOR SAIC CELANEY; DELHI FOR LORENZ; ANKARA FOR BRIGGS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, NP, JA, HK

SUBJECT: NEPALESE ARRESTED IN TOKYO NARCOTICS CASE

REF: TOKYO 6166

1. REPORT WHICH APPEARED LOCAL PRESS MAY 15 IDENTIFIED
MRS. DO VANG-LY, SAID TO BE WIFE OF
SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, AS WOMAN UTILIZED BY
PAIR TO CARRY HEROIN FROM HONG KONG TO TOKYO.

2. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT PRAKASH PRADHAN (FYI: "SHREE,"
UTILIZED IN SOME PRESS REPORTS IS HINDI TERM WHICH EQUATES TO
"MR.") IS SON OF HOME MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY HARI BAHADUR
PRADHAN (RELATIVELY LOW-RANKING OFFICIAL WHO IS NOT "ACTING
MINISTER INTERNAL AFFAIRS," AS HAS BEEN REPORTED IN SOME
FOREIGN NEWS MEDIA). INITIAL AND INCORRECT REPORTS HERE WERE
PRAKASH PRADHAN WAS SON OF FINANCE SECRETARY B.B. PRADHAN;
HE IS IN FACT HIS NEPHEW.

3. COMMENT: THIS CASE HAS CAUSED SUPRISING LITTLE COMMENT
HERE, DESPITE FULL PUBLICITY. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS
SUGGESTION BY NON-INFLUENTIAL WEEKLY MIRROR OF APRIL 30 THAT IN
VIEW FACT FORMER AMBASSADOR PRAKASH CHANDRA THAKUR (FATHER OF
UDAYA CHANDRA) MIGHT HAVE HIMSELF BEEN INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS
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TRAFFICKING, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

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